

ENLARGE PARK LIGHTING FOR BALL GAMES

Cupid Works Overtime In Nevada

Fall in love in California and marry in Nevada seems to be the policy of nearly 25 percent of the state's young couples according to a survey released today by the State Department of Public Health.

There should have been about 80,000 marriages in California during 1938, Dr. W. M. Diekle, public health director declared, but only 61,850 were recorded. The other 20,000, he said, went to Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and other western states.

The exodus of couples seeking secrecy and escape from the three day marriage law does strange things to the marriage statistics of Nevada, the only state where the records are available according to the department report.

Nevada had the impressive rate of 1961 marriages for each thousand persons while California's rate was only 9.3, it was reported.

Most of the Nevada ceremonies took place in three cities, Reno, Carson City and Las Vegas. In Carson City, the report declared, the rate of nearly eight marriages a year for each 10 persons living in the city was undoubtedly the highest in the world.

Outside the three cities, the report said, the Nevada marriage rate was not excessively higher than the 12 to 13 a thousand average in California before 1927 when the present marriage laws went into effect.

Going by Car? HERE ARE SOME TIPS

Soon several million motorists will be off on automobile tours. But not all will have the good time they expect. Headaches, hiccups, and grief await many of them. Yet Paul W. Kearney, in the current Rotarian Magazine, indicates that these annoyances can be cut to a minimum by heeding a few common sense rules. Here is a condensed list of do's and don'ts for motorists:

1. Eat lightly while on a tour. Heavy eating causes drowsiness.
2. Stop now and then for a rest. Play catch or hang by your hands from a tree limb.
3. Take an emergency can of gasoline. One and a half million motorists ran out of gas last year.
4. Avoid excessive fatigue. If you must drive when fagged out, reduce speed and use extra caution.
5. Take along duplicate car keys, let someone besides the driver carry them.
6. Carry a tire gauge, when driving on a hot day, check tire pressures.
7. Have a block of wood suitable for use under your jack on soft ground.

City Fire Captain Assumes New Title

Captain John E. McMaster of the fire department assumed a new title this week. It was "Grampa" as he entered the ranks of grandparents with the arrival of a son to his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John E. McMaster of 1518 West 214th street. The infant has been named John McMaster III. The proud father is employed with a Los Angeles manufacturing concern but makes his home here where he grew up.

Field Lighted for State Tournament

In preparation for the most extensive nightball season in years and the California State Semi-Pro Baseball tournament, which will be held there July 8 to 30 inclusive, the city council approved the installation of a new lighting system for the city park diamond Tuesday night.

Councilman Tom McGuire's motion for an appropriation of \$1,800 for this work was unanimously adopted and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett was instructed to advertise immediately for bids on the wiring, materials, conduits and fixtures.

When completed, the illuminated diamond will be the only semi-pro field in Los Angeles county, outside of Wright Field, to furnish a setting for hardball as well as softball games.

Meanwhile, Dale Riley, state commissioner for the Semi-Pro Baseball tournament and the executive committee, composed of McGuire, Alden W. Smith, L. J. Gilmeister and Michael Strasser, are proceeding with arrangements for the month-long series of games here to determine the California state championship ball club.

From 16 to 20 of the outstanding teams from California to Calexico will be invited to participate for cash awards, trophies and the right to represent the state at the National Semi-Pro Baseball Congress in Wichita, Kansas.

Actual construction work started today with some material purchased for rewiring the lights used to illuminate the softball field, being used in the enlarged set-up by City Electrician Oscar Butterfield and his assistants. Butterfield will supervise the job and he estimates that barring delays for material, the lights should be ready for use in about 30 to 45 days.

More than 60 1,500-watt lights will be used to illuminate the entire playing field. They will be erected on top of about 20 tall poles and properly focused and reflected to provide maximum light without glare or "dead spots" in the diamond.

Expect Culvert Okay Here Soon

After Leonard Young, acting city engineer, had reported that he had learned that the Pacific Electric Railway expected to approve the work within a few days, the city council Tuesday night authorized the purchase of necessary material to install a new storm drain culvert under El Prado beyond Santa Fe viaduct near Western avenue.

The culvert collapsed Jan. 21 and immediately the P. E. was contacted regarding a division of the cost because it traverses the railway's right-of-way.

Newsman Named Aide to Haged

George D. Wiley, Long Beach newspaper man, is the new field investigator for the Fourth supervisory district, appointed this week by Supervisor Oscar Haged of Long Beach.

ASKS LICENSE REFUND

Including a humorous poem with his request, J. L. Archer asked the city council Tuesday night for a refund of his business license, issued in October, 1938, because he was out of business at the Border Club cafe. The request was filed.

Watch for Special Feature Next Week

When Torrance merchants make a bid for new customers, they really propose something worthwhile.

In next week's issue of the Torrance Herald and Tor-City Shopping News you will be given a rare opportunity to obtain unparalleled values for your money with the publication of a page of advertisements by Torrance Merchants.

Embodying a new method of attracting new customers to their store, local merchants are virtually offering services and goods gratis. Watch next week's paper for this new feature which has proved to be so overwhelmingly popular in Glendale, San Bernardino and other Southland cities.



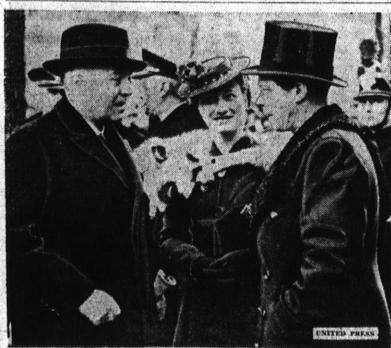
SANTA FE HEAD . . . Edward J. Engel was named to succeed the late Samuel T. Bledsoe as president and chairman of the 13,000-mile Santa Fe railroad this week. He lives in Chicago and started his career as a stenographer in 1895.

Judges Scanning Essay Entries

Announcement is to be made next week of the winners in the annual Americanism essay contest sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. More than 250 compositions were submitted by local students on two subjects: "How Can I Help Perpetuate Americanism?" and "Why I Believe in Democracy and American Ideals."

The judges are Mrs. Helen Grace Silligo, Mrs. Julia Cucec and Michael Strasser of The Herald staff. Cash awards of \$2.50, \$1.50 and \$1 are to be awarded the three ranking essays, according to Mrs. Ethel Sears, who is in charge of the contest for the local Auxiliary unit.

"Want to meet her?"—adv.



MEETS THE WINDSORS . . . The Duke and Duchess of Windsor chat with William C. Bull, left, American ambassador to France, following ceremonies in Paris commemorating inauguration of the American Legion.

Animal Stories Equal Best Liars' Club Yarns

Liars Club trophies might well be awarded to the inventors of many fantastic yarns about animal life which have come to enjoy popular belief, according to Dr. Raymond B. Cowles, assistant professor of biology on the Los Angeles campus of the University of California.

Dr. Cowles, who spent his early life in Africa and who has devoted much time in recent years to exploring the deserts and mountains of California, has evidence to show that:

Ostriches do not bury their heads in the ground. If they wish to hide, they lie down and stretch their necks out on the ground, with their eyes wide open.

Hypnotism Impossible . . . Bats are not attracted to the hair. As this creature feeds on insects, it has no interest in the modern hygienic coilfure.

Snakes have no power of hypnotism. Some birds and animals "freeze" when danger is near but they do so to hide and avoid attention. A bird fluttering on the ground in front of a snake is trying to lure it from the nest containing eggs or young birds.

Salamanders cannot live in extreme heat, much less fire. They can survive air temperatures somewhat over 70 degrees, but their surroundings must be moist, as they cannot stand dry heat.

Wart Theory Exploded . . . There is no such thing as a "glass snake," the parts of which are supposed to have the power to break up and reunite. There are, however, certain species of legless lizards which have the power to drop off their tails in emergencies. Reunion is impossible.

There is nothing peculiar about the digestive tract of the Gila Monster. Its poisonous bite is not due to accumulated bacteria in the creature's body, but to actual venom.

The porcupine cannot "throw" his quills. He does raise them when angry, just as a dog raises the hair on the back of his neck. Toads cannot possibly give anyone warts. Toads do have a poison secreted by the skin which causes discomfort to humans if it touches a mucous membrane such as that of the eye or mouth.

Effective Snake Barriade . . . Roadrunners do not imprison rattlesnakes with a fence of cactus.

County Selling Tax-Lien Interest for \$6 Per Parcel In 3 Cities

A third city in Los Angeles county now is endeavoring to reach an agreement with the county for the sale of tax-deeded property. It was learned today at the Hall of Records.

Monrovia, which has 174 parcels tax-deeded to the state with an assessed valuation of \$33,050 that is therefore not on current

tax rolls. Burbank is to sell 490 parcels in the old Benmar Hills district within the next few days, and Compton is following suit.

The county has sold its interest in its tax-liens for \$5 per parcel in each instance, and Monrovia will be asked to pay the same amount. Only cities and political subdivisions may acquire tax-deeded lands from the county under existing legislation, but cities may in turn sell it to private individuals.

In Torrance, which has 131 parcels, and the other 43 cities of 17,706 tax-deeded parcels of property, much of it improved, with a total assessed valuation of \$4,219,335, according to a survey made by County Tax Collector H. L. Byram's office. This would place the market value of the property that is tax-deeded at \$8,428,670.

New Building Hits Slump

The past week was exceptionally dull so far as issuance of building permits for construction here was concerned. Only four permits totaling \$10,985, were issued from the city engineer's office.

A new form of application for building permits is now being filled out by prospective builders, will give the city inspection department considerable more information on construction projects than has heretofore been obtained.

Permits-of-the-week were issued to Harry Johnson for an 18 by 24-foot frame addition to a house at 3731 Emerald street, \$400; World Petroleum Corporation for a wooden oil derrick near the corner of Sepulveda and Hawthorne, \$5,000; Lone Star Drilling company for a derrick at 1947 238th, \$5,000, and P. Schultz for repairs to a brick parapet wall at Schultz and Pechmann, word garage at 1614 Caballero, \$585.

WPA Workers Barred From Political Arena

All WPA workers in Torrance and on projects throughout Southern California are receiving notice from Herbert C. Legg, Works Progress Administrator, that administrative and supervisory employees are barred by law from taking active part in political management or in political campaigns.

By means of a bulletin being inserted in envelopes carrying more than 58,000 checks to workers during the next fifteen days, Administrator Legg called attention to published details of regulations defining illegal political activity by WPA employees.

Declaring that "the administrator intends to protect employees on the Works Progress Administration from political pressure or coercion," Legg announced to the workers that they were free to address any violations of the law to him in envelopes marked "Complaint of Political Activity," to be forwarded to the Department of Investigation.

Huge Marble Blocks Carved . . . PROCTOR, Vt. (U.P.)—The six largest blocks of marble ever quarried in North America are receiving preliminary carving here. Finishing touches will be added when they are set in place for the Oregon State Capitol in Salem. Two of the blocks weigh 81 tons and the other four between 70 and 80 tons.

Two Hurt In 5-Points Crash

Passengers in two cars involved in a collision Saturday night at Cabrillo and Carson's "five-point intersection" were injured but the drivers escaped unhurt, according to police reports.

Mrs. Emily L. Watson, riding with her husband, George G. Watson, 30, of 1915 Andreo, suffered cuts and bruises as did Albert C. Varney, 2302 1/2 Narbonne avenue, who was with Thomas F. Bowen, 34, of 2300 23rd street, Lomita.

Watson was driving north on Cabrillo while Bowen was going east on Carson.

Wooldridge Herald Circulation Mgr. Writes

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